A PROCLAMATION,

Anent Pedagogues, Chaplains and others.

CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith; To Macers or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as in the whole course of Our Government, We have manifested Our Pious and Princely Care, and Zeal to maintain and promote the Sacred Interests of the Established Religion, [illegible] with the Order and Unity of the Church: And considering the danger arising to the Church, to Religion, and to Our Government, by the undutiful practises of some of Our Subjects, in intertaining disaffected, and irregular Persons in the Offices of Chaplains, Pedagogues, and School-masters, who are apt to corrupt and poyson the Families wherein they Serve, and the Children whom they Teach and Instruct, with the Principles of Schism, Sedition and Rebellion, instilling into the Minds of Our People (under the specious colour of Piety) sinful prejudices against the settled Religion, and begetting in them a [illegible] aversion from Our Authority and Government: Notwithstanding that by the *4th. Act* of [illegible] of Our first *Parliament*, *It is Statuted, That none be allowed to Teach any Schooles, or to be Pedagogues to Children, or Chaplains in any Family, without a Licence from the respective Ordinaries:* And that by the *6th. Act*, of Our third and current *Parliament*, *All such Pedagogues, School-masters and Chaplains, are appointed to Swear and Sign the Test, under the certification therein contained.* As also, by Our Royal Proclamation, of the [illegible] *Edinburgh*, the first of *March* 1676. We did Require and Command, *That none thereafter should intertain any School-master, Pedagogue or Chaplain, or Person for performing Family-worship, who have not a Licence for that effect, under the hand of the Bishop of the respective Diocese, under the penalties therein exprest.* And now being informed, that some to elude the Laws, and Proclamations foresaids, do intertain disaffected and irregular Persons, for Teaching their Children, and overseeing of their Learning, Manners and Education, or exercising Family-worship in their Houses, under other [illegible] Designations, as of Physicians, Factors, [illegible], Attendants, or ordinary Servants, whose influence in corrupting the youth, and debauching of Families from their Duty to GOD, and to Us, is most apparent, and of very pernicious consequence; We do therefore, with advice of Our Privy Council, strictly Prohibit and Discharge all Our Subjects, of what quality soever, to intertain any Person or Persons, to be Chaplains in their Families, or to be Governours, Teachers or Instructers of their Children, or Pupils, or Minors, under their Tutory or Curatory, or to be School-masters within their Lands or Jurisdictions; or who shall perform the Duties and Offices of Teaching, and Instructing their Children, or Pupils, or minors, under their Tutory or Curatory, by Overseeing them in their Learning, Manners and Education; or who shall exercise Religious-worship in their Families, or shall perform the Duties belonging to the Places or Offices of Pedagogues or Chaplains, under the Names and Designations foresaid, or under whatsoever other Colour, Name, Title, or Designation, except such only as shall Swear and Subscribe the Test foresaid, before their respective Ordinaries, and who shall be allowed by Licences, under the hands of their respective Bishops, for performing and exercing of these Offices, certifying all those who shall contemn, or contraveen this Our Royal Will and Proclamation; That every Nobleman so offending, shall be fined in three thousand Merks: Every Gentleman in twelve hundreth Merks: And each Burgesse or other Subject in six hundreth Merks, *toties quoties*, as they shall be found guilty, conform to the Certification contained in Our said Proclamation dated the said first of *March* 1676. and shall also be esteemed Persons disaffected to the Established Religion, and to Our Royal Government; and the Magistrats of all Burghs of Royalty and Regality, are discharged to permit any School-masters to Teach Schoolers in their Burghs, except they be qualified as aforesaid, under the penalty of being pursued and punished before the Council, as their contempt and neglect shall deserve. And to the effect, Our Royal Will and Pleasure in the Premisses may be publickly known; Our Will is, and We Charge you straitly and Command, that incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye passe to the Mercat Crosse of *Edinburgh*, and other places needful, and thereat, in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make publication of the Premisses, that none pretend Ignorance: The which to do We commit to you, conjunctly and severally, Our full Power, by these Our Letters, delivering [illegible] by you, duly Execute, and indorsed again to [illegible]

Given under Our Signet, at Hallyrudhouse, *the fourth day of* [illegible] *thousand six hundred eighty and three: And of Our Reign, the thirtieth fifth year.*

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilij.

WIL. PATERSON, *Cli. Sti. Concilij.*

GOD save the KING.

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